

## 2014 Young Waterfowlers Program and Minnesota Firearms Safety Certification Training



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and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*



**Who:** The program is open to all youth, ages 11 - 15 years old, requiring Minnesota Firearms Safety Certification Training and having a genuine interest in learning about waterfowl hunting and ecology.

**What:** The Minnesota Waterfowl Association (MWA) in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will be holding its annual 38<sup>th</sup> annual Young Waterfowlers Program in late August and early September 2014. Minnesota Firearms Safety Certification training will be offered as part of the program. The program is intended to give young people an opportunity to develop their hunting skills and learn about waterfowl and their habitat as well as receive state required firearm safety certification training. Fun, informative sessions are combined with actual field experiences to teach the ethical, practical and safety skills necessary for successful waterfowl hunting. Adult mentors will assist students in training sessions as well as accompany them on a mentored hunting trip on the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge on the Minnesota Youth Waterfowl Day.



**Where:** The course work will be held at the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge's Rapids Lake Educational and Visitor Center near Carver, Minnesota. The Visitor Center is located at 15865 Rapids Lake Road in Carver, Minnesota.

**When:** The program will consist of 8 classroom sessions, and a hunting opportunity during the Minnesota Youth Waterfowl Day. The class sessions are Tuesday and Thursday August 19, 21, 26, 28 and Sept. 2, 4, 9 and 11 (6:00 – 8:30 pm). The youth hunt will occur most likely Saturday, September 13 or other September date to be determined by the MN DNR.

Hunt details will be covered during the course.

**To Register:** For more information or to register in the program, please contact the Minnesota Waterfowl Association state office at (952) 767-0320 or visit the MWA website at [www.mnwaterfowl.com](http://www.mnwaterfowl.com) and select the "Education" link. Cost for the program is \$25.